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(b) whether the Chittoor District Educational Council made a similar recommendation to the Government; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken on them?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Government declined to comply with the request that the number of representatives of teacher-managers on the District Educational Council, Chittoor, might be raised from *two to four*.

Grants to aided schools.

* 88 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that most of the District Educational Councils have reduced grants for the aided schools, in some cases for three years consecutively;

(b) whether the hon. Minister proposes to place sufficient funds in the hands of the District Educational Councils to avoid such reductions in future; and

(c) whether the hon. the Minister proposes to increase the scale of teaching grants to aided schools under the Grant-in-Aid Code?

A.—(a) In the case of some District Educational Councils the allotments for payment of teaching grants placed at their disposal were less than their demands and these councils will have had to reduce the grants correspondingly.

(b) There is no such proposal at present. The question of altering the present procedure in the distribution of teaching grants with a view to secure uniformity in all districts and to base the allotments on the actual requirements of District Educational Councils instead of on their demands, is under consideration.

(c) No.

Grants to the Boy Scouts Association.

* 89 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Boy Scouts Association have asked for increased grants; and

(b) what amount is proposed to be provided for them in the coming budget?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The application of the Association for an increased grant is under consideration.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I ask whether the hon. Minister is aware that several provincial Governments as well as Native States have been much more liberal in giving grants to the Boy Scouts Association and whether he will bear this in mind in coming to a decision on this question?"